

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, June 17, 2021, 7:00 PM, via Zoom.

1-2. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Mayor Albert Sykes called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. Mary Lou Craig offered the invocation.

3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum Council members present were:

Albert Sykes, Mayor
Joe McSloy, Mayor Pro Tem
Sharon Smith, Alderwoman
Bob Ray, Alderman
Richard Cheek, Alderman
and Neil Howard, Alderman

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

Also in attendance were Brian Olivier, HOA President, City Secretary Mary Lou Craig and approximately 12 residents.

4. Public Comments – Several of the attending residents expressed their desire that the city resume spraying for mosquitoes.

5. Old Business

a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate - Sharon Smith reported that the recent rains had washed out a considerable hole at the corner of Standing Oaks and Pecan Grove. Neil Howard reported that he had filled the hole with bricks, rocks and asphalt and it seemed to be holding for the time being. Mayor Sykes thanked Neil for addressing this so quickly.

b. Culverts and Drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Joe McSloy reported that the work performed earlier at the Hidden Creek – River Ridge spillway seemed to be holding up well during and after the heavy rains. He reminded council and informed residents in attendance that a plan is in place to address the areas needing work in the ditches to allow for better drainage. Mayor Sykes reported that he is meeting with County Commissioner Chip Reed next week to again address our immediate needs.

c. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate Richard Cheek reported that much work had been completed today in getting the water plant ready for delivery of the generator which will run the water plant in the event of an electrical outage. Mayor Sykes also reported about the soon-to-be-delivered high pressure pump purchased to replace the one which would have required extensive repair.

6. New Business

a. Roads – consideration and action as appropriate

i. Additional paving for city roads – Mayor Sykes reported that after considering the need for the repair of the water plant road, he would recommend that council concentrate on that road at this time.

ii. Paving of road to water plant – Mayor Sykes reported that this road needs repair/addition of material to more easily access the water plant. He will meet with Jim Wolfenbarger to discuss his quote in detail and report back to council.

b. Water Department – Site improvements – Consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Sykes reported that when he talks with Mr. Wolfenbarger next week they will discuss the need to improve the road/path leading into the water plant for those vehicles needing to repair/replace parts inside the fenced area.

c. Current budget – transfer of funds – Consideration and action as appropriate – Consider transferring funds from Contingency to Dues and Membership

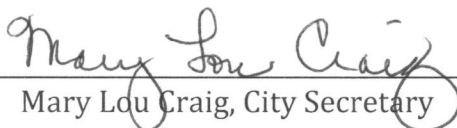
– City Secretary Mary Lou Craig reported that the dues for the membership to Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities had increased this fiscal year, causing the budgeted amount for line item 5510 Dues and Membership to fall short in the amount of \$16.00. Sharon Smith made a motion to move \$20 from line item 5710 of the General Fund Contingency Fund to line item 5510 Dues and Membership. Joe McSloy seconded and motion passed.

d. Budgets – 2021-2022 – Discussion

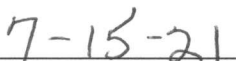
i. General Fund – Mayor Sykes asked council to study the budget “drafts” in preparation for a budget workshop to be held in July.

ii. Water Fund – Mayor Sykes pointed out that with all the repairs/purchases needed this fiscal year the water fund would be in arrears and some type of loan would be necessary. Bob Ray requested that the budget workshop be held in person rather than by Zoom.

7. **Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** – Joe McSloy made a motion that the consent agenda be approved. Bob Ray seconded and the motion carried.
8. **Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary**– None.
9. **Adjourn** – Bob Ray made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Sharon Smith. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary



Date